Holton Warns About Energy Shortage

Richmond–Governor Holton issued a sober warning Thursday that the energy shortage is "a very real thing" and launched a full-scale state program that bespeaks active cooperation by every Virginian to effect a 10 percent saving in all forms of energy use.

Reduced temperatures in homes and offices, reduced lighting, the use of car pools and mass transportation and lower speeds on highways are among numerous specific steps urged in the new state energy conservation plan.

The comprehensive program comes in four parts addressed to individual citizens, businesses and industries, local governments and state agencies.

It makes fuel-saving measures mandatory for state government. They include a 50-mile-per hour maximum for state vehicles on the highway, and thermostat settings of 68 degrees in state buildings during working hours and yet another five degrees lower at nights, on weekends and holidays.

The state urged similar conservation steps on local governments and the private sector.

Additionally the program asks businesses and industries to consider reducing the frequency of deliveries of goods where they can, and reduce the use of electrical and gas energy for advertising to the degree practical.

City, county and town governments were also asked to consider restricting such energy-using advertising as much as possible; to encourage installation of large fuel oil tanks to reduce frequency of deliveries and allow storage during off-peak seasons, and to require their public employees to observe a 50-mile maximum on highways as well as other-gasoline-saving steps on the job.

The plans all uniformly urge car pooling to reduce mileage driven to and from work as well as on official or company business. Governments and private enterprise are called on the limit trips "to situations where it is not feasible to transact business by other means."

"I am convinced that the crunch is a very real thing and would well develop into a critical situation adversely affecting the citizens of our State and having drastic effects upon our economy," the Governor said at a news conference.

In his message to citizens he appealed "to all citizens of the Commonwealth to help ease the critical energy problems which are expected to arise during the coming months and extend," he said, "for an indefinite period. This winter, shortages of fuel oil may develop, but a total commitment on the part of the public to conserve supplies that are available will do much to help overcome the predicted shortages.

"Everyone should strive to achieve more economical heating of homes this fall and winter, and reduce the amount of energy required for light and to run various types of mechanized home equipment," Holton said. "Significant amounts of fuel can be saved by driving automobiles in good mechanical condition. All citizens are urged to join car pools, or utilize mass transportation systems whenever feasible.

"I want to assure you that the threats of shortages are real, and that it is necessary for everyone to work together toward a common goal by resolving to do his part, as relatively small sacrifices now may avert much more serious problems later."

The program for state government notes that custodians of state buildings "shall check all window and door openings and weatherstrip or caulk as necessary to prevent heat loss. Clear plastic window coverings may be desirable in some cases where storm windows or thermal glass is not in use."

Besides its points on travel and working temperatures, the plan directs state agencies to "reduce lighting as much as possible, consistent with safety and health of employees and others using a facility," and to "turn off all lights, except hallways and fire exits, in all office and other work space during non-working hours."

Agencies are to "post travel itineraries of persons within a building or an agency and encourage car pooling to and from work and in order to reduce mileage on state business."

The State Division of Engineering and Buildings, following a survey of Richmond area state employees last spring and summer, launched a car pool locator system for them last week.

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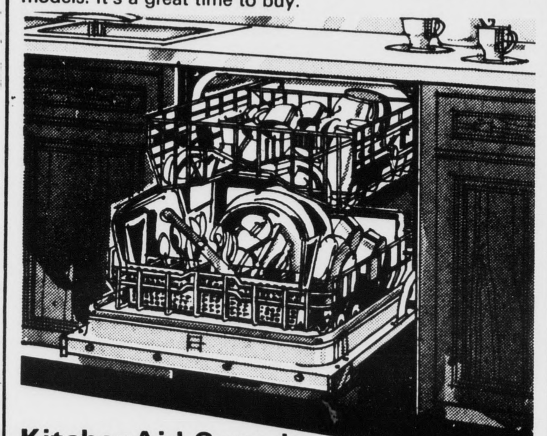

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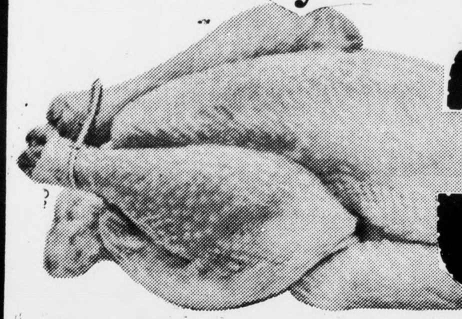

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...convention, which opens ...day, October 17, and ...Friday is one of the ...annual youth events in ...More than 13,000 ...members and guests from ...and Puerto Rico are ...to attend this year's ...The purpose of the ...ention is to conduct ...business of the FFA ...ation and to recognize ...accomplishments of FFA ...ers.

...Virginia delegation will ...by Alpha Trivette, ...smith, State FFA President, Norman Edwards, Din..., State FFA Vice ...dent, and Gary W. McCall, ...ydon, State FFA Vice ...ent, who will serve as the ...'s "official delegates". ...imately two delegates ...each State form the ...ention's voting body.

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...ee Virginia FFA members will participate in the ...'s 120-piece National Band. ...are: Wilmon Christian, of ...za, Mac Swortzel, of ...rville, and Joel Yowell, of ... The band members will ...Kansas City early to ...practice sessions on ...er 14. They will remain until the 20th to participate in the opening parade of the 1973 American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

A similarly organized chorus of 99 voices will included three Virginians, Jackie Wayne Finney, of Cascade; Jeffrey Jennings, of Gladys, and Gary Dean Reed, of Riner.

Virginia will be represented by three chapters to be recognized with national awards in the FFA Building Our American Communities(BOAC) Program. This is the third year awards have been presented in the BOAC program, a community action activity designed to get FFA chapters involved in improving their community. The William Campbell Chapter, Naruna, and the Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton and Appomattox Chapter at Appomattox will receive recognition at the BOAC awards presentation program.

Three Virginia chapters will be honored in the National FFA Safety Award Program. They are the C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith; the Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird; and the Tunstall Chapter, Dry Fork.

Wick Coleman, Ruther Glen, recipient of the FFA Southern Region award for outstanding achievement in Forest Management is a contestant for a national award. He will participate in the program Thursday, October 18, when the FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards are presented. Wick Coleman, Ruther Glen, the 1973 Star State Farmer, will carry the Virginia State flag in a program Thursday night featuring presentation of the 1973 Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America awards.

In addition to the members who have official parts in the convention program, many Virginia vocational agriculture students will attend to view the proceedings. W. T. Johnson, assistant supervisor of agricultural education in the State Department of Education, said Virginia's attendance at the convention will total 102 persons representing 23 local FFA chapters.

Stonewall

Before Abraham was, I am. John 8:58.

Mrs. Dennis Moore came home from the hospital Monday and do hope she will continue to improve.

Mr. Mark Stratton was home and was a welcome vistor at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. Osborne Davidson and Mr. Jim Herndon continue very ill.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and Mrs. Lucille Burnett visited Mrs. Annie Carson near Rockydale. Such a wonderful view of the hill sides around. The most beautiful view of any place in the county anywhere I have been. The colors were gorgeous. Only God can do that.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. wheeler visited Mrs. Josh Alvis

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beryman had as their supper guest Saturday, Miss Brenda Martin and her fiance, Mr. Thomas Young of Madison Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ashwell of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roope and family were supper guest Sat. of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gallispie.

Mr. Edward Davidson was home for the weekend.

Mrs. Stuart Barrell of Culpeper spent last week with her father Mr. J. O. Davidson and Mrs. Herbert Matthews of Orange this week.

Mrs. H. B. Jones Kathy and Richard visited her parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

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